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FROM AMBASSADOR

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: AEMR

SUBJECT: RESETTLEMENT OF VIETNAMESE REFUGEES

REF: STATE 97854

I HAVE REQUESTED APPOINTMENT WITH PRESIDENT BALAGUER TO DISCUSS  
SUBJECT. IN MY EXPERIENCE WITH HIM, WRITTEN DEMARCHE WOULD  
CARRY EVEN GREATER WEIGHT. ACCORDINGLY, REQUEST AUTHORIZATION  
TO HAND HIM PERSONALLY LETTER WITH FOLLOWING TEXT (OR MODIFIED  
IN ANY MANNER DEPARTMENT DEEMS ADVISABLE).

BEGIN TEXT

EXCELLENCY:

AS A RESULT OF THE NEW POLITICAL AND MILITARY SITUATION IN  
SOUTH VIET NAM, I HAVE THE HONOR TO INFORM YOU THAT THE UNITED  
STATES GOVERNMENT IS FOCUSING ITS ATTENTION AND  
RESOURCES UPON ALLEVIATING THE HUMAN SUFFERING OF THE MANY  
PERSONS WHO FEARED FOR THEIR LIVES IF THEY REMAINED IN  
SOUTH VIET NAM UNDER THE NEW REGIME. THERE ARE MANY THOUSANDS  
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OF SUCH PEOPLE, AND THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT INTENDS TO

UNDERTAKE THE MAJOR BURDEN OF ASSISTING THESE REFUGEES BY RESETTLING THEM WITH ITS TERRITORY. NEVERTHELESS, IT IS THE VIEW OF MY GOVERNMENT THAT THIS TIME OF TRAGEDY FOR SO MANY CALLS UPON THE HUMANITARIAN IMPULSES OF ALL OF US WHO ENJOY FREEDOM TO ASSIST IN THIS TASK. ACCORDINGLY, THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT IS TURNING TO ITS FRIENDS IN THE SPIRIT OF HUMANITARIANISM AND SOLIDARITY TO SHARE TO THE EXTENT POSSIBLE IN OFFERING THE REFUGEES FROM SOUTH VIET NAM THE OPPORTUNITY FOR A NEW FUTURE. IT IS THE HOPE OF MY GOVERNMENT THAT EACH NATION WILL AGREE TO ACCEPT AT LEAST ONE HUNDRED OF SUCH REFUGEES.

THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT EXPECTS THAT THE MAJOR CONTRIBUTION TO RESETTLEMENT EFFORTS WILL BE MADE BY THE INTERGOVERNMENTAL COMMITTEE FOR EUROPEAN MIGRATION AND THE UNITED NATIONS HIGH COMMISSIONER FOR REFUGEES WHICH WILL PROVIDE THE MECHANISM FOR CLASSIFYING REFUGEES BY SKILLS AND PROFESSIONS. IF YOUR EXCELLENCY WILL AGREE TO ACCEPT A NUMBER OF THESE REFUGEES FOR RESETTLEMENT IN THE DOMINICAN REPUBLIC, AS MY GOVERNMENT STRONGLY HOPES WILL BE THE CASE, THE ABOVE MENTIONED INTERNATIONAL AGENCIES WILL ESTABLISH DIRECT CONTACT WITH THE GOVERNMENT OVER WHICH YOUR EXCELLENCY PRESIDES TO ASCERTAIN THE TYPE AND NUMBER OF SUCH REFUGEES DESIRED. END TEXT  
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